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Mayor Dixon Announces Funding for Improvements to Baer School

Loan will provide monies allowing the school to make improvements to its cafeteria and kitchen.

Baltimore, MD (August 14, 2007) – Mayor Sheila Dixon announced an agreement between the City of Baltimore and the William S. Baer School Partnership Board. The monies will allow the Partnership Board to make improvements to the schools' cafeteria and kitchen.

"The Baer School is an important part of the community in Baltimore," said Mayor Dixon. "By serving the therapeutic needs of the students, we are helping them with their academic and emotional growth at a time when it is most critical."

The City was asked to provide funding to support the improvements by the William S. Baer School Partnership Board. The remaining cost of the project will be funded by additional contributions from the Board and the Dorothy L. and Henry A. Rosenberg Foundation. With the necessary funding in place, construction will begin immediately.

The William S. Baer School, located in Coppin Heights, opened in the northwest area of Baltimore City in 1933 to serve students with polio and other physical impairments. The school provides educational programs for students with physical disabilities, deaf-blind students, victims of accidents and trauma, and infants and toddlers with disabilities. At the Baer School, staff members shape instruction around the needs, abilities and interests of the children. Teachers expose students to a wide variety of life and language experiences, which develops vocabulary and practical background knowledge.

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